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November 10, 2009

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Marvin J. Southard, D.S.W.
Director of Mental Health

SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION TO REISSUE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR
AN INTEGRATED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEM
(IBHIS) #DMH-1109B2**

This notice is to advise your Board that the Department of Mental Health (DMH) intends to reissue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for an Integrated Behavioral Health Information System (IBHIS) #DMH-1109B2, a combined clinical, administrative, and financial system substantially funded by the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). DMH plans to release the RFP on November 18, 2009, and we will keep you apprised of our progress. The IBHIS RFP seeks proposals for a system based on current and developing health industry data, functionality, and communications standards and seeks a vendor with a commitment to maintaining compliance with industry standards as they mature over time.

On September 17, 2008, the IBHIS RFP was released. However, during the evaluation process, DMH's requirements for the IBHIS changed significantly due to changes mandated by the State with respect to the way DMH processes contract provider claims for reimbursement and payments to contract providers. Subsequently, after careful deliberation on April 2, 2009, DMH invoked its right to cancel the IBHIS RFP effective immediately.

Furthermore, on March 31, 2009, the Board approved the Evaluation Methodology for Proposals Policy (Board Policy No. 5.054), establishing the Informed Averaging Method as the County of Los Angeles standard for scoring and evaluating competitive solicitations and revising the Countywide Services Contract Solicitation Protest Policy (Board Policy No. 5.055) to address vendor protests on solicitations related to Board-approved services contracts. These two Board policies impact the evaluation methodology developed specifically for the IBHIS RFP evaluation process and required that all scoring and evaluation tools be revised to incorporate informed averaging for each evaluation category as described in the revised IBHIS RFP.

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This Board Notice serves as the first of a series of status updates requested in the February 3, 2009 Board Motion. Other reports will follow at key milestones in the process up to and including submission of a Board letter regarding vendor selection. This will optimize DMH's ability to effectively communicate health information to other County departments, as well as other business partners such as contracted providers of health care services, who have standards-based health information systems. DMH also holds regular discussions about the direction of our information systems and our ability to communicate information appropriately with the Department of Health Services, the Department of Public Health, and others.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call me at (213) 738-4601, or your staff may contact Roderick Shaner, M.D., DMH Medical Director, at (213) 738-4603, or Robert Greenless, Ph.D., DMH Chief Information Officer, at (213) 251-6481.

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